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1. The 7th Company of the 9th Battalion of the 4th MCP (Frontier Guard Troops) Regiment is located in Bloch (formerly Glatz). [REDACTED] Company barracks are located on ul. Kodowa 2droj. The barracks are of red brick and were built in 1948.
2. The 7th Company has a complement of 10 officers, 263 enlisted men and four trained Alsatian dogs.
3. The company is equipped with weapons as follows (estimate):
  - 300 PPSh sub-machine guns with magazines holding 72 rounds
  - An unknown number of M.D.M. rifles for drill
  - An unknown number of carbines for drill
  - 22 heavy machine guns used in watch towers
  - 40 machine pistols for use by the officers
  - 14 Ger on bazookas for drill
4. Company vehicles were as follows:
  - 6 heavy trucks for transporting soldiers to guard posts daily
  - 4 light trucks for transporting soldiers to guard posts daily
  - 2 passenger cars for the use of the officers
  - 3 motorcycles for use by the orderlies
5. Duties: The border strip guarded by the 7th Company is thirty kilometers long and runs from Kodowa 2droj to Biellowa. Only the immediate border is patrolled, but not the area behind the border as is the case along the East-West German border. The district consists mainly of rocky, wooded hills with only a few fields. There are no villages and only a very few houses on both the Polish and Czechoslovakian sides of the border area. The 30-kilometer border strip is situated as follows: A guard house is located at Kodowa 2droj; a 2-kilometer strip secured by trip wires connected to rocket flares; a 3-kilometer strip secured with mines because this area is unobservable by the MCP guards; a guard house located at Bialow; a strip of 6 kilometers containing no obstructing devices; a 2-kilometer strip secured by trip wires connected to rocket flares; a strip

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of 2 kilometers containing no obstructing devices; a guard house at Sayzmo; a 10-kilometer strip containing no obstructive devices; and ending with the guard house at Bielkova.

6. Eight watch towers are located along this border strip, each equipped with one heavy machine gun, flares and a telephone. Colored flares are used for the following signals:

Red flare: Someone was seen in the border area near the watch tower.

Green flare: Someone was seen in the border area far from the watch tower.

White flare: Someone was in the border area, but his position was unknown.

Patrols and watch tower sentries always consist of two men, never one man alone. The patrols are always given a particular strip to patrol, the length of which varied depending on the visibility in a particular area. The visibility in any one area ranged from 800 to 1500 meters.

7. Duty hours: The following list is a breakdown of winter duty hours:

6 hours: patrol without interruption

6 hours: sleep

2 hours: patrol

2 hours: off duty

2 hours: stand by

Summer duty hours consist of the following:

8 hours: patrol without interruption

8 hours: sleep

8 hours: stand by

The time allotted for sleep, stand by and off duty had to be spent at the nearest guard house. After 24 hours of duty, the soldiers spent the next 24 hours at their barracks drilling, receiving political indoctrination and attending school.

8. The headquarters of the regiment staff is located in Jelenia Gora. The headquarters of the battalion staff is located in Wroclaw. The battalion commander was a Polish major, however the actual supervisor was a Russian colonel.

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9. The method used for the apprehension of border-crossers coming from Czechoslovakia was as follows: The Polish border guards were supposed to allow border-crossers to enter into Polish territory, and then capture them. If, after once ordering the crosser to stop, capture appeared to be impossible, then the guards were supposed to shoot to cripple. Identification papers were to be asked for, and then the crosser was to be taken to the nearest guard house. The crosser was then to be escorted from the guard house to Klock, and after being interrogated by the commander, put in prison in Klock. The order to shoot persons attempting to cross over into Czechoslovakia was more severe.
10. A control commission always composed of the same Russian officers made monthly or bi-monthly inspections of the company. The officers wore Polish uniforms and came from headquarters in Jelenia Gora and Wroslaw.
11. An army identification book (Książeczka wojskowa WOPistow) is issued to border guard troops. It is black and has red corners. WOP soldiers stationed at official crossing points are issued the same book, but with an added green stripe.

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